

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 1B

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YES ON PROPOSITION 1B: BUILD NEW ROADS AND HIGHWAYS NOW

California has the most congested highways in the nation—we spend 500,000 hours stuck in traffic every day. It's clear that the time to rebuild California's roads, highways, and transportation systems is now.

Proposition 1B puts backlogged transportation projects on the fast track, reducing congestion and improving highway safety.

While Prop. 1A protects the gas tax funds we already pay at the pump, Prop. 1B is just as important because it provides funding now to jump-start repairs of our aging highways and to start building the transportation projects we know we'll need in the future.

YES ON 1B IMPROVES SAFETY, REDUCES CONGESTION, AND EXPANDS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Proposition 1B will fund projects in every corner of the state. Prop. 1B invests in:

- Making safety improvements to the most dangerous highways and corridors
- Reducing congestion and travel delays
- Adding more lanes to congested highways
- Fixing local streets, roads, and intersections
- Building and expanding public transportation
- Making bridges seismically safe
- Expanding carpool lanes
- Providing matching funds for communities that have approved local transportation measures

YES ON 1B WILL REDUCE AIR POLLUTION AND IMPROVE AIR QUALITY

Prop. 1B includes funding to reduce air pollution by replacing old polluting school buses, expanding mass transit, and expanding carpool and HOV lanes. And, by reducing congestion on our freeways and roads, Prop. 1B will also

help reduce car emissions—one of the leading sources of air pollution.

YES ON 1B: STRICT ACCOUNTABILITY AND NO NEW TAXES

- Prop. 1B includes important accountability measures like annual audits and reports to ensure funds are spent on intended projects.
- Prop. 1B lets us begin building roads now and pay for them as we use them—with current tax revenues and without raising taxes. It is like a mortgage on a house that lets you live in your home while you pay for it.

YES ON 1B: PART OF A LONG-TERM PLAN TO REBUILD CALIFORNIA

Proposition 1B is part of the Rebuild California Plan, which uses the taxes we're already paying to build the roads, housing, schools, and water systems we need to sustain our economy and our quality of life for the long term.

REBUILD CALIFORNIA: YES ON 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, and 1E

California's population will reach 50 million in the next 20 years—twice what our current infrastructure was designed for—and it can't be rebuilt overnight. That's why we've got to start now.

To learn more about how this infrastructure plan will benefit you and your community, visit www.ReadForYourself.org.

YES ON 1B: SAFER ROADS, LESS POLLUTION, AND REDUCED TRAFFIC CONGESTION

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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 1B

We've all heard, "some things are too good to be true." The argument in support of Proposition 1B is clearly one of those times.

Instead of envisioning a home mortgage being paid for while you live in it, as the proponents would have you imagine, envision instead drowning in a sea of credit card debt. That's where California is headed.

We all want better roads and less traffic congestion. However, if the Legislature turned its attention to streamlining construction projects and easing overburdensome regulations, we wouldn't need to borrow billions of dollars. Instead, we would use an annual portion of our general fund tax dollars with limited borrowing to complete these projects. This balanced approach would significantly reduce our need to borrow billions of dollars.

What about accountability and audits?

When was the last time an audit of state government spending showed that its programs were cost effective and timely? Quite the opposite is true. A well thought out plan for our transportation needs is the only sensible way to improve California's roadways. A hastily developed bond, with "after the fact" oversight, containing billions of dollars in borrowing is a recipe for failure.

Make no mistake; a bond is not free money. You will pay for the considerable borrowing with substantial interest. NO on 1B will force the Legislature to develop a responsible bond package by including "pay as you go," environmental permitting reform, design-build efficiencies, and other common sense reforms.

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